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Subject: Invitation to a Regional Workshop on Decommissioning of Soviet RADON-type Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities, Tallinn, Estonia, 18-22 May 2015

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project RER/9/120 – Supporting Decommissioning Implementation for Facilities Using Radioactive Material. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the IAEA will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Tallinn, Estonia and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

Please submit nominations to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/In-meetings-WS/index.html>. Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Andrei Chupov (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail Official.Mail@iaea.org), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than 1 March 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

Regional Workshop on Decommissioning of Soviet RADON-type Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER9120 "Supporting Implementation of Decommissioning for Facilities Using Radioactive Material"
- Place (City, Country):** Tallinn, Estonia
- Dates:** 18-22 May 2015
- Deadline for Nominations:** 1 March 2015
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in collaboration with the Government of Estonia through the National Waste Management organization A.L.A.R.A. AS
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:**
- Exchanging experiences and lessons learned in planning and implementing decommissioning of RADON-type near surface disposal facilities and other historical and legacy facilities for storage and disposal of radioactive waste, which do not comply with the current standards of safety;
 - Sharing best practices amongst the countries with such type of disposal facilities.
- Expected Output(s):** Improved knowledge about decommissioning of RADON-type disposal facilities based on the experience and lessons learned of the host country and on the information presented by the participants. Main topics to be thoroughly discussed will include:
- Preliminary work needed during planning of decommissioning;
 - Final planning (work strategy, storage of retrieved waste, radiological safety, available human resources, funding etc.);
 - Decommissioning experiences related to RADON-type disposal

facilities, main lessons learned;

- Better understanding of the main technical, safety, organizational and other challenges, achieved through the presentation and discussion sessions;
- Involvement of interested parties at both national and local levels;
- Communication between organizations and individuals involved in decommissioning, lessons learned.

Scope and Nature:

This five-day Workshop will include overview lectures outlining the experiences, best practises and lessons learned in decommissioning of RADON-type near surface disposal facilities. The main part of the workshop will be built around the project of decommissioning of Tammiku RADON-type disposal site near Tallinn, Estonia. Presentations by the international experts will cover general topics related to decommissioning of historical disposal facilities. Presentations by the host country experts will describe and illustrate the strategy, planning and implementation of decommissioning of the Tammiku site. Participants from other countries will present their plans and activities related to decommissioning of similar facilities. Topical discussions of the key decommissioning aspects will be organized as well (challenges for radiological characterization, waste retrieval, waste management, etc.).

Background Information:

The project RER9120 is aimed to focus on aspects related to implementation of decommissioning projects and to address decommissioning of specific facilities of interest for the European region. This workshop will cover the implementation issues and will focus on the RADON-type disposal facilities widely used in Eastern Europe.

Participation:

The workshop is open to: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The target countries are with operating or shut-down RADON-type disposal facilities or with similar construction historic near surface disposal facilities.

Number of participants is limited to 30.

Participants' Qualifications:

The targeted audience for this event includes managers and professionals from operating organizations, technical support organizations or regulatory authorities involved in planning, implementation or oversight of decommissioning RADON-type disposal facilities. An advantage will be given to the representatives of decommissioning operators. Participants should be either currently active in the field, or from organizations willing to make that commitment on their behalf, and willing to offer their assistance on a timely basis to others in their region with similar needs.

Participants are expected to provide input to the workshop by presenting their national situations with regard to decommissioning of historic near

surface disposal facilities, and by taking active part in the topical discussions organized during the workshop.

Participants must be nominated by the competent national authority of the Member State and, most specifically, by the Member States' official counterpart for the project.

**Nomination
Procedure:**

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**Administrative
and Financial
Arrangements:**

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to Tallinn, Estonia and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the meeting, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.